

## Colored Aldermen Brave.

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row prejudice; and it is this kind of contemptible, mean, petty, narrow prejudice that makes the relations so strained between the two races who have occupied this fair Southland for two hundred and fifty years, and who will continue to occupy it for two hundred and fifty years more, notwithstanding the propaganda of Bishop H. M. Turner, or the wishes of John Temple Graves and other fanatics of his ilk. My colleague and I represent nearly twenty thousand residents of this community; and though they are black, they are men and women; and if they were to leave this city tomorrow they would be sadly missed. I have been insulted, as a man and as a city official, and I want you, gentlemen, and the public at large to know that I resent the insult offered me by this Carnival Committee. I want all men, black and white, to know that I am a man, and as good as anybody, and better than a great many, and that I will not humbly submit to an insult without returning it, and I take this opportunity to hurl back the insult I received from the Carnival Committee, and to let them know that if I am not good enough to ride in a parade with other city officials I am not good enough to attend their Carnival, and certainly not at their expense. Gentlemen, all Negroes are not cowards. A new Negro has come on the stage of action; and Southern white men may as well understand now as ever, that this Negro is prepared to give more in the way of natural citizenship, but expects and demands more in return than has been given his parents. When I look at the name of W. R. Carter, editor of that "blatherskite" sheet called the *Metropolis*, I am not surprised at not being invited to participate in the parade, for I know him to be one of the most narrow men in the community.

I trust that no self-respecting Negro will be found on the Carnival grounds, as I consider that in insulting their two councilmen they have insulted the Negro population in Jacksonville. There are some Negroes who will strike back, and I belong to that class; and if the opportunity ever presents itself, I will surely let every member of that Carnival Committee know that I was not unconscious of the insult offered me."

And as Mr. Wetmore uttered the words "and I take this opportunity to hurl back the insult I received from the Carnival Committee," he tore the complimentary ticket sent to him into small pieces and threw them on the floor and stamped on them. When he had finished there was silence for nearly a minute; and then Councilman Slager arose and said he was surprised to learn that the gentlemen from the Sixth ward had not been invited to participate in the parade; and that he thought it was a shame, and did not blame Mr. Wetmore for feeling hurt by their actions. And Councilman Riles also made remarks along the same line; and then the subject was dropped.

Yours very truly,

JAMES H. STANLEY.

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